

1886(d)(5)(F), and capital payments, as well as incentives for adoption and maintenance of meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology under 1886(n). In addition, further clarifications are needed to ensure that IPAB is empowered to seek savings or payment improvements for all items and services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

There are smaller, but no less important additional improvements that I believe need to be made. Changes made to the Medicare program by IPAB are granted broad exemption from judicial review. We should remove this exemption to ensure that IPAB is not above the law and its actions can be reviewed in a court of law.

The legislation also prevents IPAB from making changes that would increase premiums or ration care, but it is important to include the specific protections that are scattered through the Social Security Act. Medicare law contains an array of beneficiary protections that are designed to ensure that seniors and people with disabilities have access to affordable care. The IPAB should not be permitted to make changes to these key beneficiary protections.

Finally, as the legislation is written, IPAB would be required to reduce spending above the growth targets resulting from unforeseen and unavoidable health events, such as a flu pandemic, hurricane, or act of terrorism. Increases in spending from these kinds of catastrophic events should be excluded from the overall spending targets.

TRIBUTE TO VICTOR ROSADO,
CARLOS ROSADO, AND QUINTON
GUNDOLF

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three brave Boy Scouts. These young men—two brothers, Victor and Carlos Rosado of Madison, Alabama, and their cousin, Quinton Gundolf of Camden, Arkansas—were on a family vacation in Puerto Rico. They were enjoying themselves on the beach when they noticed a man struggling amid the waves. Without regard for their own safety, these young men bravely swam out to help the man to shore. It was clear that, without their intervention, this man would not have survived this harrowing experience. These young men acted bravely and decisively to save a life. Entering the water to help a man who is struggling for his life is a very dangerous undertaking indeed. However, the American Spirit is epitomized by such selfless acts. For that, I commend them and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF WILSON PICKETT

HON. BOBBY BRIGHT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mr. BRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize the life and artistic contributions of a son of the Second District of

Alabama—Wilson Pickett. Pickett was born March 18, 1941, in Prattville, Alabama, and first developed his musical talents singing in local Baptist church choirs. Despite a difficult childhood, Pickett used his undeniable talent to begin performing gospel music professionally and soon transitioned into soul and R&B music, joining the Falcons in 1959. Pickett quickly gained recognition for his songwriting skills as well as his powerful and distinctive voice. While Pickett was successful with various singles in the early sixties, he achieved his first national chart-topping single with the hit "In the Midnight Hour" in 1965. This hit launched Pickett onto the soul and R&B scene and his Billboard success continued with such hits as "Land of 1,000 Dances," "Mustang Sally," and "Funky Broadway."

In acknowledgment of his unique contributions to American soul and R&B music, Wilson Pickett was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1991. Wilson Pickett remains an integral part of the rich musical heritage of Southeast Alabama that includes Hank Williams, Lionel Richie, Martha Reeves, and Nat King Cole. Pickett passed away in 2006 and left behind a legacy of soulful melodies and gifted songwriting that will be enjoyed by his legions of fans for many years to come.

ZACHARY WILLIAM KESNER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary William Kesner. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zachary has earned the rank of Tom-tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Zachary has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Zachary planned and coordinated the construction of handicap accessible deer blinds at Kelsey Short Youth Camp at Smithville Lake.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary William Kesner for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF H.R.
4840, A BILL TO NAME A POST
OFFICE IN HONOR OF CLARENCE
D. LUMPKIN

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4840, a bill to des-

ignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1979 Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Clarence D. Lumpkin Post Office" in honor of Clarence Lumpkin, a long-time community activist who has worked tirelessly on behalf of his Columbus neighborhood of Linden. Mr. Lumpkin has had a profound impact on many families in central Ohio, and his community involvement and activism have helped ensure that the Linden community retains its post office.

Growing up in the rural South, Clarence Lumpkin first moved to the Linden neighborhood after serving in the Army during World War II. Proving to be a tireless community activist, Mr. Lumpkin became affectionately known as "the Mayor of Linden" for his efforts. He successfully advocated for the needs of his community numerous times over the past several decades, persuading the city to separate storm and sanitation sewers to stop basement flooding, to build a long-needed new fire station, and ensuring the Department of Transportation did not divide the Linden community with interstate highway construction. His many accomplishments also include his work with the Community Development Block Grant task force to secure home improvement grants for seniors and low-interest loans for Linden residents, leading anti-drug marches, and making Linden the first inner city community with lights on every residential street.

Mr. Lumpkin once presented a speech before the Columbus City Council in 1974 regarding the needs of the Linden community, calling for "a point of pride" to be developed to motivate interest in Linden and give the community a sense of direction. His vision became reality in 2007 with the dedication of the "Clarence D. Lumpkin Point of Pride Building," the last building to be built by the Greater Linden Development Corporation as a part of its Four Corners Vision Plan for commercial redevelopment, and a testament to his diligence and activism.

As a father, grandfather, and mentor, Mr. Lumpkin worked to instill in others the same virtues of hard work and community involvement that drive him. His son, Doug, and his daughter, Carolyn, who worked with me during my time as a county commissioner, continue his legacy of public service through their work in state and local government. Mr. Lumpkin also had a tremendous impact as a mentor through the Simba program, a program in which African-American men mentor African-American boys, most of whom have no father or other adult male in their lives. Because of his efforts, a young man Mr. Lumpkin mentored is expected to graduate from college in 2011.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation and to recognize Mr. Lumpkin's many achievements and decades of service to his community. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Clarence Lumpkin and his lifetime of community involvement and activism by supporting the passage of H.R. 4840.

STARKS, A LEGEND IN POLITICS,
DIES

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

STARKS, "A LEGEND IN POLITICS," DIES

By David Skolnick

Even though Herman "Pete" Starks last held office in 1985, he remained a local political force. Starks, 80, died Sunday.

The local political icon served 22 years as the city's 2nd Ward councilman, representing most of the East side. Sparks spent 17 of those years as chairman of the council's powerful finance committee.

"He was very instrumental in my campaign," said Councilman DeMaine Kitchen, D-2nd, elected in 2007. "He was a sounding board for my campaign. He was a legend in politics in the Mahoning Valley."

Starks was elected to his first two-year term on council in 1963. When he was re-elected in 1973, he became the first person to serve six consecutive terms as a representative of any ward in the city.

Starks was elected 11 straight times before opting not to run for his council seat in 1985. Instead, Starks ran for mayor that year, losing the Democratic Primary to Patrick Ungaro.

Ungaro served on council with Starks for six years as council president. Ungaro was elected mayor in 1983, serving 14 years in the capacity, and is Liberty Township's administrator.

"We fought like cats and dogs, but we shook hands when we were done," Ungaro said. "He was a dominant person in government. Even after Pete left office, his influence was enormous and overwhelming with council. He was still the person you had to work with."

James E. Fortune Sr., a former 24-year council member, served six of those years with Starks.

"He was a teacher," Fortune said. "I learned so much from Pete, particularly about finances. When he was on council, he was practically the leader of the city. We had the utmost respect for him."

George M. McKelvey, a former 3rd Ward councilman and eight-year mayor, started his political career sitting next to Starks at council meetings.

"I am, still to this day impressed with his knowledge," he said. "When he talked, I listened. His best qualities were his loyalty and honesty. With Pete Starks, his word was his bond."

When Jay Williams announced he was running for mayor in 2005, Starks called him.

"He said, 'You're going to be mayor,'" said Williams, who won that race and was re-elected to a second four-year term last year. "He said it so matter of fact like the sun will come up tomorrow."

Williams said Starks "was never shy about offering his advice and perspective. You always knew where Pete stood."

Councilman Jamael Tito Brown, D-3rd, and currently chairman of the finance committee, said the would speak with Starks from time to time about city finances.

"He was legendary in the city," Brown said. "He was still on top of things in city government" before his death.

Funeral arrangements being handled by L.E. Black Phillips & Holden.

HONORING JOHN KOHLER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to

the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. John Kohler. Mr. Kohler served his constituency faithfully and just during his tenure as the Hannover Town Justice.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Kohler served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Kohler is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise in tribute to him today.

HONORING LAVERNE JONES-FERRETTE

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to proudly offer my congratulations, on behalf of Virgin Islanders everywhere, to Laverne Jones-Ferrette, number one in the world in the 60 meters with a time of 6.97, the first woman to run under the 7.00 seconds barrier in over a decade and a semi-finalist at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Doha, Qatar. I also congratulate Tabarie Henry, a third year student at Texas A&M University who is listed by the International Association of Athletic Federations as the number one 400 meter runner in the world.

The Virgin Islands, with a population of roughly 120,000, has produced legends in every field who continue to be part of the fabric of America, and these two outstanding native Virgin Islanders, through their hard work, have made their contributions in sports that have brought worldwide recognition to them and to U.S. Virgin Islands.

There are also other outstanding members of the V.I. National Track and Field Team who continue to excel in their respective events: Adrian Durant—100 meter; Leslie Murray—400 meter hurdles; Calvin Dascent—400 × 400 meter and 4 × 100 meter relay; David Walters—4 × 100 meter relay; Terry Charles—4 × 400 meter relay; Leon Hunt—long jump; Muhammid Halim—triple jump; Allison Peter—200 meter; Courtney Patterson—100 meter; Wyanetta Kirby—long jump and 100 meter hurdles and Desiree King—800 meter and 400 meter hurdles.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Laverne on earning a silver medal at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Qatar, Tabarie, and all of our athletes and wish them god-speed as they continue to shine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 172—Previous Question to H. Res. 1205; 173—H. Res. 1205; 174—H.J. Res. 80; 175—H. Res. 1186; 176—H.R. 3976; 177—H.R. 4592; I was keynote Speaker at L.A.S.A. Dinner hosted by former H.E.W. Secretary Joe Califano. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING REV. VINCENT M. COOKE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. Since becoming President of Buffalo's Canisius College in 1993, Rev. Cooke has steadily advanced everything from the school's faculty to its residence halls, making Canisius into the distinguished institution it is today.

Rev. Cooke began his Presidency at Canisius with the mantra, "nothing less than quality would be acceptable." He has certainly followed through on these words. During his time at Canisius, Rev. Cooke has restored and enhanced the school's residence halls, Old Main and Lyons Hall, as well as its award-winning Montante Cultural Center. He began a 17 month, \$22 million upgrade of Canisius' technological resources, creating more than 50 state-of-the-art classrooms.

Rev. Cooke's dedication to excellence extends far beyond Canisius' facilities; not only did he raise the school's academic standards, Rev. Cooke also increased Canisius' applicant pool outside of Western New York and offered additional merit-based aid and scholarship assistance to the most qualified students. He dedicated himself to hiring the best possible faculty and, over the past decade, has increased the number of courses taught by full-time faculty while decreasing Canisius' student-to-faculty ratio.

Rev. Cooke's successes have meant so much for Canisius College; however the benefits of his work have extended to the surrounding community as well. Through his win-win approach to community relations Rev. Cooke helped to establish a partnership with Fannie Mae and Hunt Real Estate, creating the Employer Assisted Housing Program which provides incentives for college employees to buy homes close to campus. His efforts to preserve historic campus buildings have invigorated the surrounding community while an increase in policing efforts have made the campus and neighboring communities a safer place.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Rev. Cooke for his copious achievements. His work as an educator, innovator, and leader has bettered not only Canisius College but all of Western New York as well.